

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit, that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this amendment and remark, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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85. The apparatus of claim 8[5]4, wherein said detection means further comprises signal tracking means for correlating said optical signals from each of said microparticles in each of said digital images to form each said microparticle of said plurality a sequence of said optical signals.



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